THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Upto 31st March, 1996, the achievements of Family Welfare Programme were assessed on the basis of the targets given from above for individual contraceptives. This led to a situation where the achievements of contraceptives targets had become ends in themselves. This target, system was started with the concepts that the achievement of contraceptive target would definitely lead to decrease in birth rate and subsequently in decrease in population. However, over the years it was realized that in the target system there were many drawbacks. For instance, users preference in choosing contraceptive was not reflected: due to non-availability of required contraceptives for the users, targets were not realized; there was no system of feed back on contraceptives needs of users and thus the quality of services to the beneficiaries did not receive due attention.

(c) Currently, six Area Projects are being implemented in the selected Districts/Cities of 13 States including Delhi at a total cost of Rs. 1194.78 crores with the financial assistance from World Bank, DANIDA, DFID (UK), UNFPA and German Government. In addition, under the World Bank Assisted RCH programme, 24 RCH Sub-project (17 Districts and 7 Cities) are under implementation in 17 States at a total cost of Rs. 283.88 crores for a period of five years since October, 1997.

The National Population Policy, 2000 adopted by the Government in February, 2000 envisages strengthening and energizing the Family Welfare services in the four States of Bihar, M.P., Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh including all other States.

An Empowered Action Group has been constituted within the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, for preparing area specific programmes with special emphasis on States including these States, which are lagging behind in population control.

Selling of sub-standard Mineral Water

†1424. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that sub-standard bottled water is being sold in the name of mineral water at several places, particularly Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received so far by Government in this regard, State-wise; and

(c) the concrete steps taken so far by Government in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was reeceived in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 are implemented by the State Governments. As per the information received from the State Governments/ UTs during 2000-2001, 878 samples of mineral water were lifted out of which 262 samples were found adulterated as per the statement enclosed. (*See* below) Prosecution has been launched against the defaulters under the law by the State Governments.

(c) Standards for Mineral water and packaged drinking water have since been revised. Further, these products are now compulsorily to be manufactured, sold or exhibited for sale only under the Certification Mark of the Bureau of Indian Standards for which manufacturers have to get a license from BIS. This will improve the quality of the product.

Statement

No. of samples lifted, found adulterated in various States/UTs during 2000 and 2001 (upto 31-3-2001)

S. No.	Name of State/UT	No. of samples lifted	Found Adulterated
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	5	0
2.	Chandigarh	10	2
3.	Punjab	35	2
4.	Rajasthan	20	5
5.	Goa	15	0
6.	Maharashtra	28	0
7.	Daman	1	0
8.	Andhra Pradesh	297	209
9.	Manipur	0	0
10.	Andaman & Nicobar	2	0
11.	Orissa	31	14
12.	Karnataka	11	0
13.	Pondicherry	9	0
14.	Tamil Nadu	80	3
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	3	1
16.	Assam	21	0

1	2	3	4
17.	Gujarat	249	25
18.	Nagaland	7	0
19.	Delhi	31	1
20.	Sikkim	2	0
21.	West Bengal	11	0
22.	Meghalaya	10	0
	TOTAL	878	262

Envelops Containing Anthrax

†1425. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of envelops containing anthrax that are reported to have been received by post, so far, in the country;

(b) whether all such envelops have been duly examined;

(c) the report of the said examination;

(d) whether Government have any information regarding the senders of these envelops; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) National Institute of Communicable Diseases, 22, Sham Nath Marg, Delhi-110054, an Institute under Directorate General of Health Services has been designated as the nodal agency for carrying out the tests of suspected Anthrax samples. A round the clock control room is functioning (Telephone Nos. 3912901 (Between 10.00 AM to 6.00 PM) and 3971875 (Between 6.00 P.M. to 10.00 A.M.) to receive and test the suspected samples. Till the evening of 27th November, 2001, 322 suspected envelopes were received in the NICD for testing. 303 samples have already been tested, none was found positive.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

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